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be learned, nor does it feel that all the witnesses who could give important testimony have been called. So far the work of the Grand Jury has been a stimulant to indifferent citizens. It has taken the lid off a noxious garbage can. Before its work is completed it should develop a strong chloride solution, should make it impossible for petty grafting officials or underlings to continue their foul work under the patronage of municipal patronage. It is something of a shock to learn that a city which would not think of opening an ice cream parlor for its children is actually the patron, although unofficially, of the worst forms of vice. The Grand Jury's testimony has not all been of one piece, but it has been decisive. The sessions should continue—to the end.

**MANANA!**  
 IN NOVEMBER, 1915, when war prosperity was at its height and the prices of all commodities were far advanced, Mr. A. M. Taylor, then Director of the Department of City Transit, revised his estimates of cost of the Taylor plan.

The estimates so revised were carefully studied, considered and indorsed by Henry H. Quinby, chief engineer of the department, and by J. A. Emery and William S. Twining, consulting engineers. The letter of approval, to which Mr. Twining signed his name, contained the following concluding paragraph:  
 Our estimates include engineering and other overhead expenses, with interest and sinking fund charges during construction, which are intended to be met from the loan fund, also the cost of the required real estate easements.

The department is now provided with \$2,500,000 more than the estimates called for, although to the estimates themselves had previously been added 20 per cent to cover extraordinary charges.  
 It is provided in addition with \$5,000,000 toward the construction of a Chestnut street subway, although that line is not to be built unless all arrangements for an operating agreement between the city and the P. R. T. fall.

The Evening Ledger presents in this issue a signed statement from Mr. Taylor, who demonstrates beyond question the accuracy of his estimates and the sufficiency of the money provided. Unless there is unparalleled waste in construction there will be no shortage of funds.  
 But the lamentable feature of the present situation is not that Mr. Twining has misgivings as to the sufficiency of the funds available. It is the attitude of the Department of City Transit toward rapid transit which disturbs citizens. Under Mr. Taylor the department was characterized by a spirit of energy and action. Councils could not appropriate money too fast for Mr. Taylor. So soon as he got the authorizations his specifications were ready, and the ink was hardly dry on the authorizing ordinances before he was advertising for bids. He was not looking for obstacles, but he knew how to get over them when they bobbed up in his path.

We find no evidences of similar energy in the department now. Although the relocation of sewers preparatory to the digging of the delivery loop, which is the heart of the system, was completed long ago, no bids for construction contracts have been asked. Instead there is talk about other sewer location somewhere else. Yet it is well known that the loop must be begun in advance of other elements of the system if all parts are to be completed at practically the same time. Plausible excuses for delay can always be found, can even be found conscientiously—and we impute to Mr. Twining nothing but a conscientious purpose—but the people did not vote for excuses. They voted for rapid transit, and that is what they expect to get.

Instead of looking for distant obstacles the Department of City Transit ought to be doing something. It ought to be pushing things along, just as it is being done in New York. We shall not have a completed system in five years or in twenty years unless the spirit that dominates the department is one of aggressiveness. We find no evidence of such a spirit in the department now. It seems, instead, to be a victim of hookworm and Spanish manana.

**THE STRATEGY OF ATTACK**  
 THE Democrats who are trying to console themselves by saying that Mr. Hughes did little in his speech of acceptance besides criticize the Administration apparently forgot the function of the opposition. The Republicans are the "outs" and the Democrats are the "ins." It is the business of the "outs" to attack. The best strategist is he who can keep the "ins" on the defensive and prevent them from making any assaults outside of their fortifications. The Democratic complaint, therefore, indicates that the first gun fired by Mr. Hughes has struck home. His second gun, fired the next day, has made a bigger breach in their walls. Read what he said:

If you say that the Administration has been weak and vacillating they reply: "That is an old story—they knew that before. If you say they have been lacking in firmness and consistency they say: 'We are going to do better in the future and we are going to turn over a new leaf.' Now, my friends, this is reckoning time. \* \* \* We are looking over the balance sheet and we find a serious debit balance, and we do not trust the Administration that has brought it about."  
 If Mr. Hughes does not continue his attacks upon the Democratic Administration, he will fall in his duty as egregiously as the Allies would fall if they neglected to make assault after assault on the German trenches in France. The Democrats know it and it is not going to be allowed to forget it during the next three months. Mr. Hughes understands how to wage a campaign and he will not let the enemy make his plans.

**Tom Daly's Column**

We feel a bit too bitter over what happened in England early this morning to trust ourself to write the 'ymn of 'ate that shows signs of coagulating in our brain. So any one who cares to bother about it may have these perfectly good rhymes we had intended to use: "Abasement," "effacement," "eracement," "racement" and "amazement" (imperfect but allowable).

**THE MAN'S MOTHER**  
 Did ever you see my son, my Dan?  
 He's a full head taller nor you, young man,  
 An' you tell me your job is below in the town,  
 In the noisy big streets where the money is made;  
 Then you'll often be seein' him walkin' aroun',  
 For himself is the leader of all in his thrade,  
 Is my son Dan;  
 An' I wonder can you say that, young man?

He built up his thrade for himself, my Dan—  
 What they do be callin' a "self-made man"—  
 An' himself that was born toid quare brains in his head,  
 Wid two arms to his body, but lackin' their stren'th,  
 Yet a will to be talkin' an' earnin' his bread!  
 Sure, there's not many lads could be goin' the len'th  
 O' my son Dan;  
 An' I wonder would you be one, young man?

He's tall and as straight as a reed, my Dan;  
 Just the very best build for a sandwich-man.  
 When he walks like a general on parade,  
 Wid the signs hung upon him before an' behind,  
 Sure, it's never another in all of this thrade  
 In a long day's walkin' that you will find  
 Like my son Dan;  
 An' you needn't be curtin' your lip, young man.

What way are you better than my son Dan?  
 He's a full head taller nor you, young man,  
 Though it may be your brain is a finer grade,  
 An' you're maybe as sober—an' maybe not—  
 Don't I tell you he's leader of all his thrade?  
 An' he's makin' the best o' the pit's he's got,  
 Is my son Dan;  
 An' I wonder if you do more, young man?

Hey! Joe, look up the sign painters that advertise with us and tip them off to this. The Philadelphia Gear Works, 1120 Vine street, needs a doctor for these two signs on its east wall:  
 GRAY'S PATENT FOR ENGINEERS  
 STUDENTS AND MECHANICS  
 CHROME NICKEL STEEL GEARS  
 ABSOLUTELY RELIABLE

Heaven forgive us for mentioning such a thing in this weather, but the news has just come to us that Karl Fueller is a coal dealer in Ashbourne, Pa.

**The Anxious Letter Writer**  
 (Received by a W. Phila. doctor.)  
 Dear dock if you can not give it too this gel some madison too muge her quit holering in the middle by the nite we will be all crasy in the house. She got a cute paine inside fix it good and be throu wit it now and for evor. Thanks,  
 M. WINDMUTH.

**WHY THE HYENA LAUGHS**  
 Hyena's joyous life was given sudden pause  
 When hippo's hip done choked his laughing bride.  
 Bereft, he laughed all day and night, be-cause  
 He missed her girlish laughter when she died.  
 G. L.

**Mrs. Breitenuff Says:**  
 My man's golf isn't up to standard these days. I know, because he keeps saying he only plays for the exercise.

**Our Serial Poem**  
 CONSTANTLY on the lookout for a good serial, we recently wrote to George E. Lothrop, of Boston, author of "Historical, Dramatic and Romantic Ballads," asking his permission to use one of the poems in his book. He graciously consented, adding: "I have thought for a long time that newspapers, etc., would build up a big circulation by the publication of such readings."

**Heroine of Legion of Honor**  
 (Copyright, 1907, by George E. Lothrop, Jr., 95 Brook Avenue, Boston, Mass.)  
 (Five-pointed Gold Star, Emblem of French Legion of Honor. Awarded to Jeanne Creek, Millgrove, Indiana, for bravery, September, 1903. Guest of Honor at Paris Exposition, 1905.)  
 It was only a five-pointed gold star  
 That hung with honor on a maiden's breast,  
 But the bright romance that had placed it there  
 Made her the Paris Exposition's guest.  
 She was a curly-haired little maiden,  
 And had only seen eleven years,  
 Yet her brave, darling heart was so gallant  
 It had been sprinkled by some strong  
 men's tears.

They said that there was an awful danger  
 Which would dash most people by sudden  
 fright,  
 And that one young girl was a heroine  
 Who won her gold medal by being bright.  
 It is quite rare for an American  
 To be awarded a medal from France,  
 Which cannot be purchased there by money,  
 Or even secured by a beauty's glance.  
 Still rarer is it that a child so young  
 Should win what authors and artists  
 have fought.

To secure what years of severe toil—  
 That which genius and glory would have  
 bought;  
 It was the Legion of Honor's gold prize  
 That she hung proudly on her bosom fair,  
 And all the great world had of been  
 told.  
 Just why this young maiden had placed  
 it there,  
 And how it commemorated a deed  
 Of the most exceptional bravery,  
 They knew that had attracted attention  
 Over many a distant land and sea.  
 Years might pass and common deeds be  
 forgot,  
 But not the maiden of the French Legion,  
 And the brilliant act which had brought  
 her fame.  
 In the Millgrove, Indiana, region,  
 (To be continued.)

**IF HASTE MAKES WASTE, "THRIFT" IS OUR MIDDLE NAME**



**THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE**  
 Satisfactory Scale of Tipping at an Atlantic City Hotel—Socialism and Vice—Faults of New York—Other Matters of Public Interest and Appeal

**HOW ONE MAN "TIPPED"**  
 To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:  
 Sir—I have just returned from a 20-day sojourn at Atlantic City and happened to come across the article on tipping in today's EVENING LEDGER. In order to help your correspondent in determining what to give in tips, I will tell you what I did. I stayed at the Marlborough-Blenheim; that is to say, my wife and I. I gave the waiter \$4, the chambermaid \$3 and the colored girl for cleaning up the bathroom. Total, \$8 for two persons, 20 days' American plan. I paid the porter for bringing and taking away two trunks \$6 cents; the bellboy for bringing and taking away two small suitcases, 20 cents; assistant porter for taking suitcases to cars from hotel automobile, 10c., and everybody was happy.  
 N. Y. Z.  
 Philadelphia, August 1.

**SOCIALISM NOT A PANACEA**  
 To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:  
 Sir—In re Robt. B. Nixon Jr.'s letter, I wish to say just a thing: The evolution of the world is built upon the incentive to gain so, Mr. B. N., please don't take away that root of all evil, for I don't want to see the world retrogress. Just as soon as we acknowledge that both parties to the social evil are liable to court punishment, then we will see the beginning of the end of the so-called evil. Mr. Nixon, who is laboring under the impression that when Socialism, or, as he sees fit to call it, economic science, is accepted by the world, this over-talked-about evil will disappear, is right so far as recognizing it as an evil, for under Socialism free love (don't deny this or I will quote Socialist authority) there will be no such a thing as illegal, promiscuous intercourse.  
 Does he think that when after 2000 years of churchianity we have failed to wipe out an evil of nearly 6000 years' standing, that a theory will be able to do away with it, presto? Guess again. For that is all he and his are doing. No! Thank God our Christians are not Socialists, for, as a matter of fact, no pure, dyed-in-the-wool Socialist can profess any religion. Socialism is materialism, and no religion can have a materialistic plank in its platform.  
 H. N. M.  
 Penns Grove, N. J., July 31.

**BAD ROAD IN UPPER DARBY**  
 To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:  
 Sir—I frequently ride in an automobile from Angora to Lansdowne, much to my discomfort. Baltimore avenue between these two places is in a disgraceful condition. It reminds one of the corduroy roads.

**MORE Q'S FOR HUGHES**  
 The Amalgamated League of Chinese Laundry Sign Painters and Business Men's Luncheon Composers decided at a meeting in Central Park yesterday to ask Charles E. Hughes 10 questions so that the members more easily compare him with President Wilson:  
 1. Do you think it is the humility rather than the heat?  
 2. Was John L. Sullivan ever champion of the world?  
 3. Do you believe that spinach should be served without hard-boiled eggs?  
 4. Is a child born at sea under the Patagonian flag eligible?  
 5. For what?  
 6. How far is it from Schenectady to Troy?  
 7. Who is Lieutenant Governor of New York?  
 8. Will you state your views on the strategy of the Thirty Years War?  
 9. What is your favorite author? Song? Flower?  
 That was all the meeting could think of to ask, but a committee of three was appointed to find a tenth question, it being the custom of the meeting that no little group was right in asking Mr. Hughes less than 10 questions. A meeting to pose questions with the Group of Authors was overwhelmingly defeated.—New York Sun.

**A GREAT VICTORY**  
 The fight between the British and German navies off Jutland will go into naval annals as an important for several reasons, but is not at all likely to be given full credit for all it accomplished. It is one of the very few great fights in all history in which both sides won a clean victory. Besides this, it has confirmed Admiral Dewey's theory of the supremacy of the dreadnought, and justifies Admiral Knigh's contention that the battle cruiser is indispensable. Advocates of the submarine find support for their claims in this engagement, and the champions of the torpedo-boats are fully sustained by what happened. Plain people will be content to let the experts have it, but the battle cruiser is indispensable.

**THE TOUCH OF NATURE**  
 The Philadelphia Evening Ledger says: "Every tax is iniquitous except the one which the other fellow pays." There is a nature to a fellow who might call human nature. A fellow regards as a good tax only that which he can pass on to his neighbors to shoulder. It's the nature that makes protectionists of so many when they sell and free traders when they buy.—Youngstown Yinticator.

**APRECIATION**  
 Sir—I noticed in your paper of July 28 a photograph of the parade of the colored Knights of Pythias. Of the many Philadelphia newspapers the EVENING LEDGER was the only one that gave space to noting the movements of the order. Such actions as that will do more to uplift the colored race than anything else.  
 Such impartiality has never before been realized. You have shown wisdom in your blossom and bloom, and you will go on to favor in years. I shall endeavor to praise your paper whenever I have an opportunity and shall see that your paper will be patronized heartily by the members of the Knights of Pythias. May God bless your undertaking and I hope for you a prosperous year.  
 J. B. FAULK.  
 Philadelphia, July 21.

**SCATTERING THE PLAGUE**  
 To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:  
 Sir—Does not Director Wilson know that his raids on the women in the vice district are making conditions worse instead of better? If the women find that they are liable to arrest in one region they will go somewhere else. And they will go now to the clean residential districts, as they have done during previous spasms of hypocrisy on the part of the city authorities. A man is liable to discover any day that a lot of lewd women have taken up their residence in the houses next door to his family.  
 If the plague cannot be eradicated, it ought not to be scattered throughout the city. It is much more dangerous to the health and morals of the community than infantile paralysis, but the authorities are doing their best to prevent the spread of this epidemic, while they seem to be conspiring to foster vice by planting the seeds of it as widely as possible.  
 D.  
 Philadelphia, August 1.

**When Morgan Died**  
 Editor of "What Do You Know?"—When and where did J. Pierpont Morgan die?  
 CASHIER.  
 Mr. Morgan died of a nervous breakdown in Rome in March 21, 1913. He was then less than a month short of 76 years old.

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 During the Spanish war \$5000 was appropriated for the direct relief of the families of soldiers. During the Civil War a total of \$1,650,000 was appropriated. It was spent under the direction of the War Department. The first money was paid out on May 11, 1861. It went to 15,148 families. The number of families asking and receiving help rose to more than 100,000 by the middle of August, and in November were receiving aid more than 1,500,000 different payments were made during the war, and the average payment to a family was only \$1.15 a week.

**What Do You Know?**  
 Queries of general interest will be answered in this column. Ten questions, the answers to which every well-informed person should know, are asked daily.  
**QUIZ**  
 1. What is the difference between a sheik and a buckler?  
 2. How long was Mary, Queen of Scots, imprisoned?  
 3. Why is a tabby cat so called?  
 4. What is tapscot?  
 5. Who is John H. Clarke?  
 6. Where are the present headquarters of the Serbian Government?  
 7. How far is it from Philadelphia to Galveston?  
 8. About how old is Independence Hall?  
 9. Where is London Tower?  
 10. Who is the Secretary of Agriculture?

**Answers to Yesterday's Quiz**  
 1. A cassowary is a member of a family of rattle birds allied to the ostrich.  
 2. The Washington National Monument is in charge of an incorporated society of which the President of the United States is ex-officio president.  
 3. Cornelius Ford is the Public Printer.  
 4. Adeline Patti, who was born on February 15, 1842, is living at Craigs-Nov Castle, Penryn, Wales.  
 5. A trivet was originally a three-legged stand to support a kettle against the fire.  
 6. Bechamel is a white sauce named after its inventor.  
 7. The "Murder League of Britons" is a Liverpool organization formed to avenge the death of Captain Fratt by the Germans.  
 8. Goethe was born in 1749 and died in 1832.  
 9. Henry Edward Duke, K. C., is the successor of Augustine Birrell as Chief Secretary for Ireland.  
 10. Patrick Henry said "Give me liberty or give me death" in a speech in the Virginia convention in March, 1775.

**A French Newspaper**  
 Editor of "What Do You Know?"—Will you kindly give me the name and address of a good, first-class French newspaper, published either at Philadelphia, or New York?  
 The Courier des Etats Unis, 194 Fulton street, New York, is the leading French newspaper in this country.

**O. E. Library**  
 M. E.—We are at last able to inform you what O. E. stands for in the name of the Library Circle. The letters are used "simply as a distinguishing feature, because the journal is published by individuals interested in the Oriental Eastern Library." If you are interested in the work, the address is 1207 G street, Washington, D. C., so you can probably get full information.

**Cargo of the Deutschland**  
 Editor of "What Do You Know?"—I wish you would inform me if the German submarine Deutschland brought here any fever thermometers (centigrade) or any other articles in the line of drugs, and their prices, if possible.  
 JOSE PUJOS.  
 It was unofficially announced that the Deutschland brought a cargo of dyes, tinctures and other chemicals, but no detailed information has been given out by the captain or the consignees as to the exact nature of her freight.

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**The Campaign of Falsification and the Strategic Campaign Both Outlined On That Day**

**LIVING OVER** for the moment the attitude of naive interest with which we followed the earliest days of the Great War, we can look back at August 3, 1914, as the most prophetic moment of the entire ghastly episode. The news of that day—for what we knew, not what actually happened, is the fabric of our thoughts—was full of lies, downright fakes, official falsifications, and what is more surprising, it contained an absolutely definite outline of the entire strategy of the war from that day to this.

First, for the small talk of that day: The London Daily Chronicle, by way of variety, announced that Emperor Francis Joseph had been assassinated. This, of course, the dispatch, has not been confirmed. A battle in the North Sea, presumably between French and German ships, was reported. It is still to take place. Callalux was reported killed by the son of Gaston Calmette, a faint provocative echo of the two weeks before the war broke out. Roland Garros, report had it, had met, engaged, rammed and destroyed a German aeroplane. As a matter of fact, reported once before, M. Garros read the report of these doings in his apartment in Paris which he had not yet quit. The fact that the second of August, which dated all our cabled dispatches, was an anniversary cropped up in conversation. Forty-four years to a day had passed since the opening battle of the Franco-Prussian War at Saarbrueck on German soil. Sedan Day was only a month off. The coincidence was ominous.

A piece of official falsification which received wide publicity two years ago today has only just been denied by the authorities. The military authorities at Berlin gave it out that a French aviator had been dropping bombs on the unfortified town of Nuremberg, Bavaria, and added that this was a crime against the rights of man, as there had been no declaration of war. Later this bomb dropping was made one of the vital reasons for war against France. Only last month the officer who reported the outrage declared that there was not the shadow of truth in it and several German publicists have made open apology to France for the lie. They have not been able to undo what the war has done.

**War's Strategy Revealed**

For the sake of a full view we must now add in the news of the next day, chiefly the entrance of England into the conflict. With that in hand the events reported on August 3 are startlingly prophetic of what was to come. Luxembourg was invaded, France forced to fighting at the south and the Russian troops had reached three German cities on their way to Koensigsberg. An invasion of Austria by Russia was also reported and the attack against Belgium fell away to a desultory bombardment. In effect the entire military strategy of the war was revealed and the failure of Germany exposed.

Bernhardt is our authority for that. Bismarck our guide in diplomacy, the German General Staff confirming every step. The plan of the German General Staff was to eliminate one enemy before the other threatened seriously. That is the explanation of all the diatribes against Russia and France for mobilizing before war was declared—diatribes which fell off in intensity after Germany had invaded France without a declaration. The mobilization of Russia was probably the determining factor in the first six months of the war, and the presence of Russian troops on German soil at the very minute when German troops first touched Luxembourg and France must have been a terrible blow to the staff. To note how the fortunes of war followed just these lines.

The invasion of France was quickly followed by violation of Belgium, clearly indicated in dispatches from London on this same day. The Uhlans swept into Belgium and one month later were within sight of Paris. Yet as they stood on the threshold they were rudely thrown back partly by superior strategy, partly by the spirit of France and mostly by the fact that huge numbers had been called away to save the German port of Kiel. By the time the Russians were thrown out of Posen the armies of France were ready. After the battle of the Marne Russia began again, this time attacking Austria. The system of alternating attacks proved a wonderful defensive. For two years Germany had her choice of whom to hit. Once, at Sedan, she chose badly, in the summer of 1914. Lloyd George has just confessed that the British army had only 75,000 shot in its lockers; that the slightest offensive would have hurled them back to the sea. Just then Germany was busy with Russia.

**Other Forecasts**

Other things, less important, were foreshadowed on that day. The manufacturers of arms in this country were "quarled," not only by the Entente but by Germany, as to their capacities. The British fleets were mobilizing. Japan was standing by, ready. The German defense of her procedure in Belgium was stated beforehand in her offer to indemnify Luxembourg. The offer to indemnify China of the type refused by the United States War Department began to be the heroes of dispatches. And, in way of comic relief, Greece decided to stay neutral. A steel plant closed down owing to cancellation of foreign orders. At the time we did not know how prevalent every item of news was. We were them singly; they cast no shadow. It is amusing to see how easily we might have set up as prophets, have even gone into details of this month's movements or the fate of that fortress. The war's alternating currents we could have outlined from the start. But if we had it is doubtful whether we should have foreseen this day. Because since that day the character of the war has changed and in the two years which have understrung the emotions of neutrals have understrung strange mutations.